IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A pipe joint comprising a hollow cylindrical joint body made of elastic material ~~such as heat-resistant rubber~~ with a prescribed length and a circular flange for connecting piping attached to the both ends of the joint body, ~~wherein on the side of the inner circumference of said joint body is provided~~

a bellows metal pipe closely contacted with said joint body on the side of the inner circumference of said joint body, and

a circular attachment seat with its section being L-shaped provided at each of both ends of the metal pipe, ~~and~~

wherein

the thickness of said joint body is at least larger than the size of a ~~the~~ summit or a ~~the~~ trough of the bellows of said metal pipe,

said attachment seat includes a small cylindrical pipe and a circular plate fixed by welding to a tip of an open side of the small cylindrical pipe,

the circular plate is contacted with a surface of an outer side of the flange, and

the small cylindrical pipe is fixed and attached to an inner circumferential surface of the flange.

2. (ORIGINAL) The pipe joint according to claim 1, wherein bellows of the bellows metal pipe is formed in the direction of the pipe's axis at regular intervals in the circular form.

3. (CANCELED).

4. (CANCELED).

5. (CANCELED).

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The pipe joint according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential surface of the joint body is formed with at least one convex section making a ~~nonlinear-like~~ nonlinear surface.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The pipe joint according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential surface of the joint body is formed with a plurality of convex sections and concave sections making a ~~nonlinear-like~~ nonlinear surface, and each of said convex sections and concave sections is positioned corresponding to the summit or the trough of bellows of the metal pipe respectively.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The pipe joint according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential surface of the joint body does not have a convex section or a concave section making a ~~linear-like~~ linear surface.

9. (ORIGINAL) The pipe joint according to claim 1, wherein a stopper member for maintaining capacity to resist pressure is attached to the two flanges connecting one flange to another therewith.

10. (ORIGINAL) The pipe joint according to claim 8, wherein the stopper member comprises a through bolt and a nut.